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## COMMITTEE ON OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 214  
Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency  
at 1:45 pm, 24 May 1961

## PRESIDING

James Q. Reber  
Chairman

## MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Mr. H. M. Wiedemann, State | Capt. F. M. Murphy, ONI        |     |
| Mr. H. C. Brown, OSD       | Col. J. W. Winterbottom, AFCIN |     |
| Col. T. L. Fisher, JCS     |                                | NSA |
| Col. D. D. Davis, OACSI    |                                | CIA |

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## CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Col. D. C. Mulloney, JCS  
Maj. J. D. Bowlby, OACSI  
Cdr. H. D. Myles, ONI  
Cdr. J. V. Meigs, ONI  
Lt. Cdr. R. E. Pyle, ONI  
Maj. G. S. Chapman, AFCIN  
Maj. S. J. Moran, AFCIN

Mr. F. A. Voigt, CIA

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Approval of Minutes

1. COMOR-Minutes 24 and 25 (4 and 5 May) were approved.

Cuban Coverage

2. [ ] Intelligence Officer for Operations, reported that the recoverage of Cuba was about to be completed and would probably arrive in Washington by noon of May 24. He noted that the targets employed in planning this mission were for the monthly coverage and were therefore comprehensive.

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3. It was agreed that NPIC would readout the targets for weekly coverage (Havana and Santiago areas) on that afternoon (24th) and deliver hard copies to all of the agencies immediately thereafter except NSA who would accept theirs on the following morning. This document would be Part I of the Situation Summary. The next day the NPIC would seek to finish the readout and this section of the Preliminary Report would be issued as Part II of the Situation Summary.

4. The Navy indicated that it would immediately take stock of the reports and weigh whether in the light of them weekly coverage next week was necessary. Its view would be reported to the Chairman not later than close of business Friday, May 26.

#### Review of Communications and Rapid Reporting from URPICs

5. The Committee concurred in a draft paper prepared by the working group on the above subject as amended. The Chairman stated that he would now issue the paper as COMOR-D-40. The Air Force representative stated that upon receipt of the final document, action would be taken to inform [ ] at URPIC-Y. The Chairman requested that all participants upon receipt of the document initiate action called for on their part.

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#### Future Procedure for T-KH Billet Approvals (Ref: [ ])

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6. The COMOR agreed that for the next three months period emergency billet requirements in excess of those covered by the recent approvals would be referred to the TCO/CIA for approval. At the time of preparation of the quarterly report, as now required by the White House, COMOR would consider whether to recommend the continuation of this procedure or to propose, perhaps, the procedure of submitting to the USIB a block of billet requirements anticipated in the upcoming three months.

#### Photo Mapping Project

7. [ ] briefed the Committee on the progress of the Army-CIA photo mapping project. The substance of his briefing, along with a copy of one of the products as an illustration, will be disseminated to the members for their information and reference as COMOR-D-39.

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Reconsideration of the ChiCom Coverage

8. The Committee agreed that a new effort should be made to stimulate the TACKLE program for coverage of ChiCom. The Chairman stated that he would invite the members to send a representative to a drafting session with the Chairman to prepare a paper on this subject for COMOR consideration.

Briefing on SAMOS E-5

9. Colonel Winterbottom proposed that at an early session of the COMOR he present a briefing on E-5. This was agreed for Thursday, June 1, the time and place to be notified to the members by the Chairman.

Special Material in the T System

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12. The Chairman reviewed developments bearing upon the Director's discussion with the USIB a week ago with regard to the inclusion in the TALENT System of [REDACTED]

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13. The Chairman reported that after a standdown in March and April [ ] flights had been resumed and that in May four had occurred. These flights had explored some new techniques, in one case they were dual flights simultaneously and an effort was made to break the pattern of flying only on nights of longest darkness. These flights should be quite lucrative because of the number of priority fighter control centers which were explored.

[ ]  
JAMES Q. REBER

Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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